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In re:)	
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)	Case No. 22-10964 (MG)
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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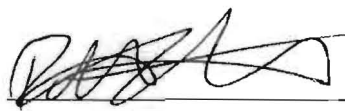
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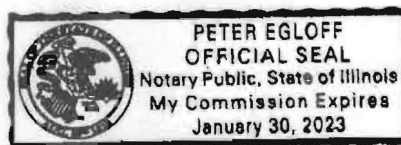
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[ETH Price](#)
\$1,252.37

[Market Cap](#)
\$150.91B

[Volume \(24H\)](#)
\$8.95B

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[ETH price % change over 24 hours.](#)

Welcome to Valid Points. In today's issue, [Sam Kessler](#) explains that the real reason why the FTX failure hits so hard is not because the crypto industry was duped, but because it proved that the industry was vulnerable to being duped. For an extended version of this article, [visit the Valid Points web post here.](#)

FTX wasn’t the largest-ever crypto collapse in terms of money lost. But why does it feel so much more existential?

Maybe it’s because crypto is already in the midst of a brutal bear market, making yet another blow feel heavier than it would have at the market’s peak.

Perhaps it’s because the key person behind the failure, FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried (SBF), was until a week ago considered crypto’s white knight, trusted by sophisticated investors and institutions as one of the most responsible actors in the space.

But, in this writer’s opinion, the real reason why FTX was such a colossal failure is not because the crypto industry was duped, but because it proved that the industry was *vulnerable* to being duped.

This distinction, while seemingly minor, strikes at the core of what crypto is supposed to be – a foundation to build systems that are trustless.

We need to do a better job of differentiating between *Crypto* and the *Crypto Industry*.

- Capital-’C’ *Crypto* will not be killed by FTX. The core technology undergirding platforms like Ethereum and Bitcoin are still working as advertised. FTX and its sister company Alameda Research *used* blockchains and cryptocurrency, but they were old-fashioned companies killed by old-fashioned fraud.

- As for the *Crypto Industry*, FTX will prove cataclysmic. We can talk all we want about the sanctity of “decentralized” and “trustless” technology, but so much of the attention and money that has poured into the space over the past several years has gone toward companies like FTX, BlockFi, Celsius and Voyager – unregulated, token-based extensions of traditional finance.

In spite of the recent turmoil, DeFi shows promise.

Decentralized finance (DeFi) – tools built on blockchains that allow people to trade and transact without centralized intermediaries – are pitched as a direct antidote to frauds like the one that seems to have been perpetrated by FTX.

These platforms, which require users to trust code rather than central parties, have generally proven resilient amidst the FTX turmoil.

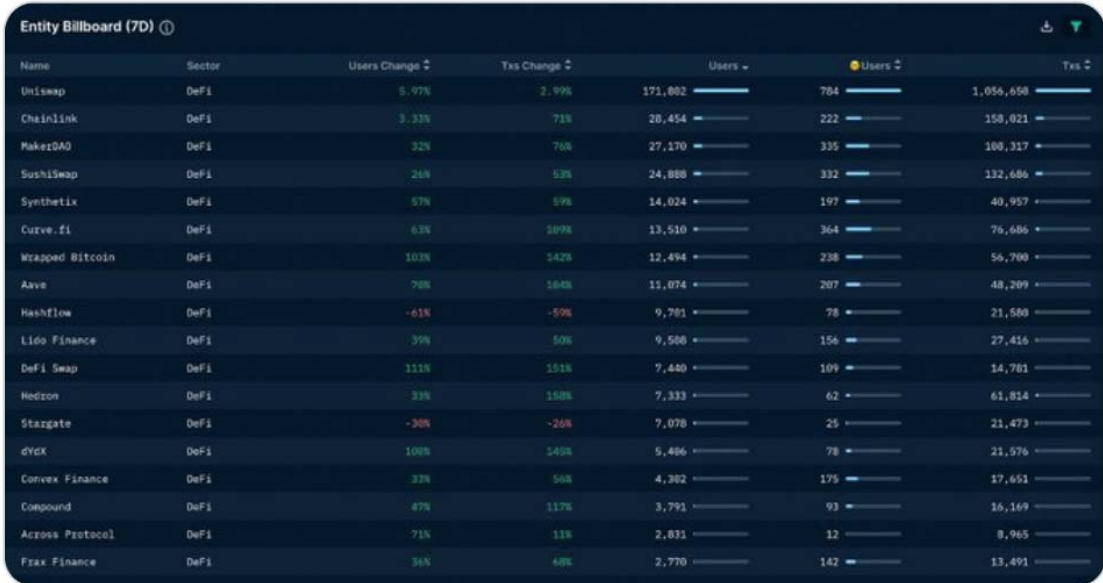
As my former CoinDesk colleague Andrew Thurman noted on Twitter, DeFi platforms have seen big boosts in activity over the past week as their centralized counterparts have been experiencing record withdrawals:



Most DeFi protocols are up double digits in users and transactions this week; centralized exchanges have huge outflows

"Crypto" as measured by onchain activity is doing great despite FTX fraud

From a PR angle I know nobody cares abt nuance right now, but it's not complicated



(Andrew Thurman/Twitter)

But DeFi isn’t a fix-all. DeFi did not fall apart as a result of FTX, but this week reminded us that incumbent DeFi ecosystems are not immune to rot from the wider, oligarchical crypto ecosystem.

As CoinDesk reported earlier this week, Solana's DeFi ecosystem, already struggling amid the market downturn of the past few months, [was crushed](#) by the failure of FTX.

This failure stemmed largely from the SBF-empire's massive stake in the Solana ecosystem – not only in terms of its token holdings, but in terms of the role that FTX developers played in building out the projects at the core of the network's DeFi ecosystem. For example, CoinDesk reported last week that [Serum](#), a leading Solana DeFi platform, was built and maintained by FTX engineers, and suffered as a result.

The FTX-Solana contagion is not the only recent example of DeFi's corruptibility. Terra, which was ostensibly decentralized, has been accused of using venture money to rope in retail investors to fuel its \$60 billion blowup.

Even more credibly decentralized platforms, like Uniswap, have faced scrutiny this week. The venture firm Andreessen Horowitz and centralized exchange Binance have amassed [a large amount of governance power](#) within the leading decentralized exchange's governance system.

What needs to stop, however, is hero worship.

Before his spectacular fall from grace last week, SBF was a kind of crypto golden boy. Though he faced criticism in some corners of Crypto Twitter for his pro-regulation stance (which seems cynical in retrospect), when he spoke, people generally listened.

Despite long-standing questions about Alameda's relationship with FTX, [savvy investors](#) trusted SBF, poured billions into his custody and promoted his platform to retail investors.

The lionization of SBF in the mainstream press, crypto press and Crypto Twitter is undoubtedly a big reason why the FTX collapse was so painful.

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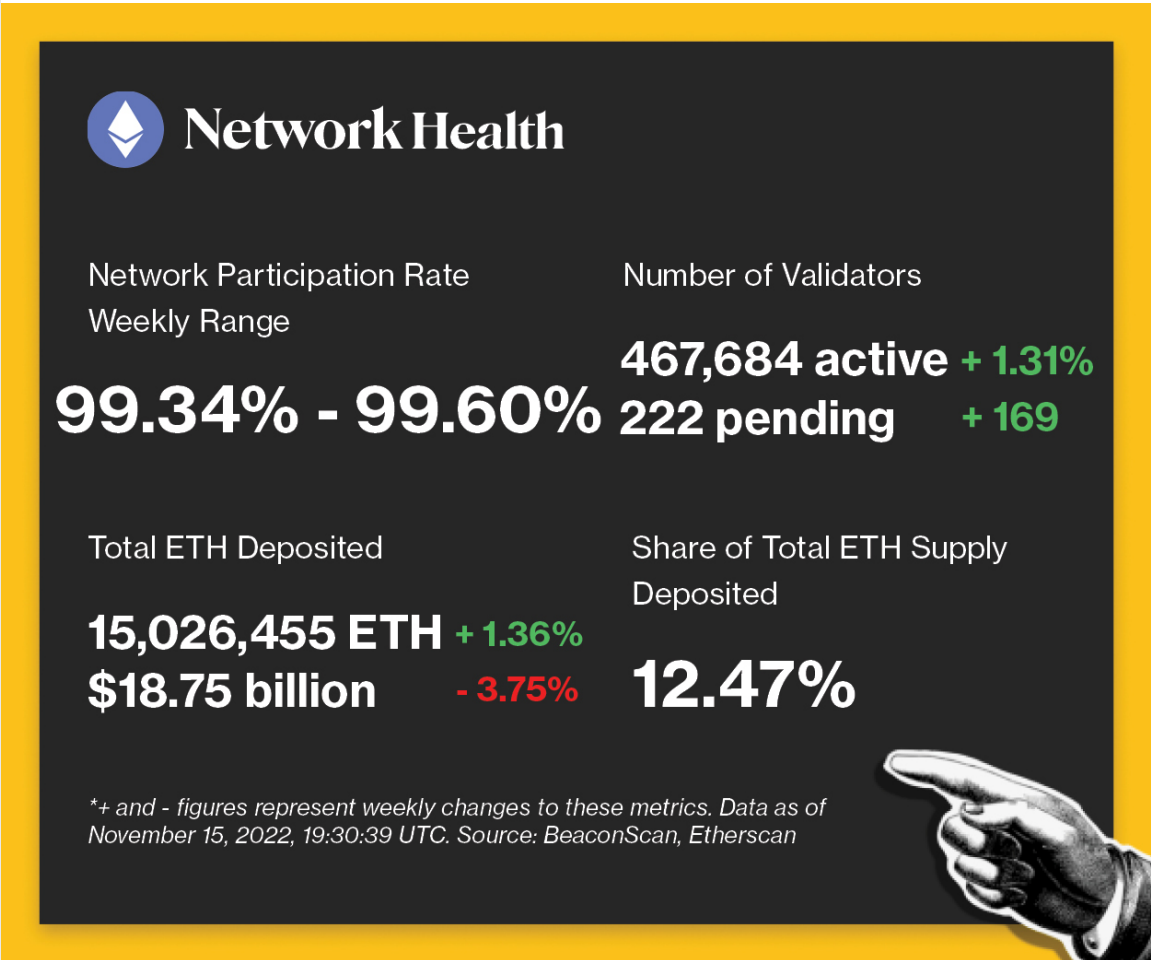
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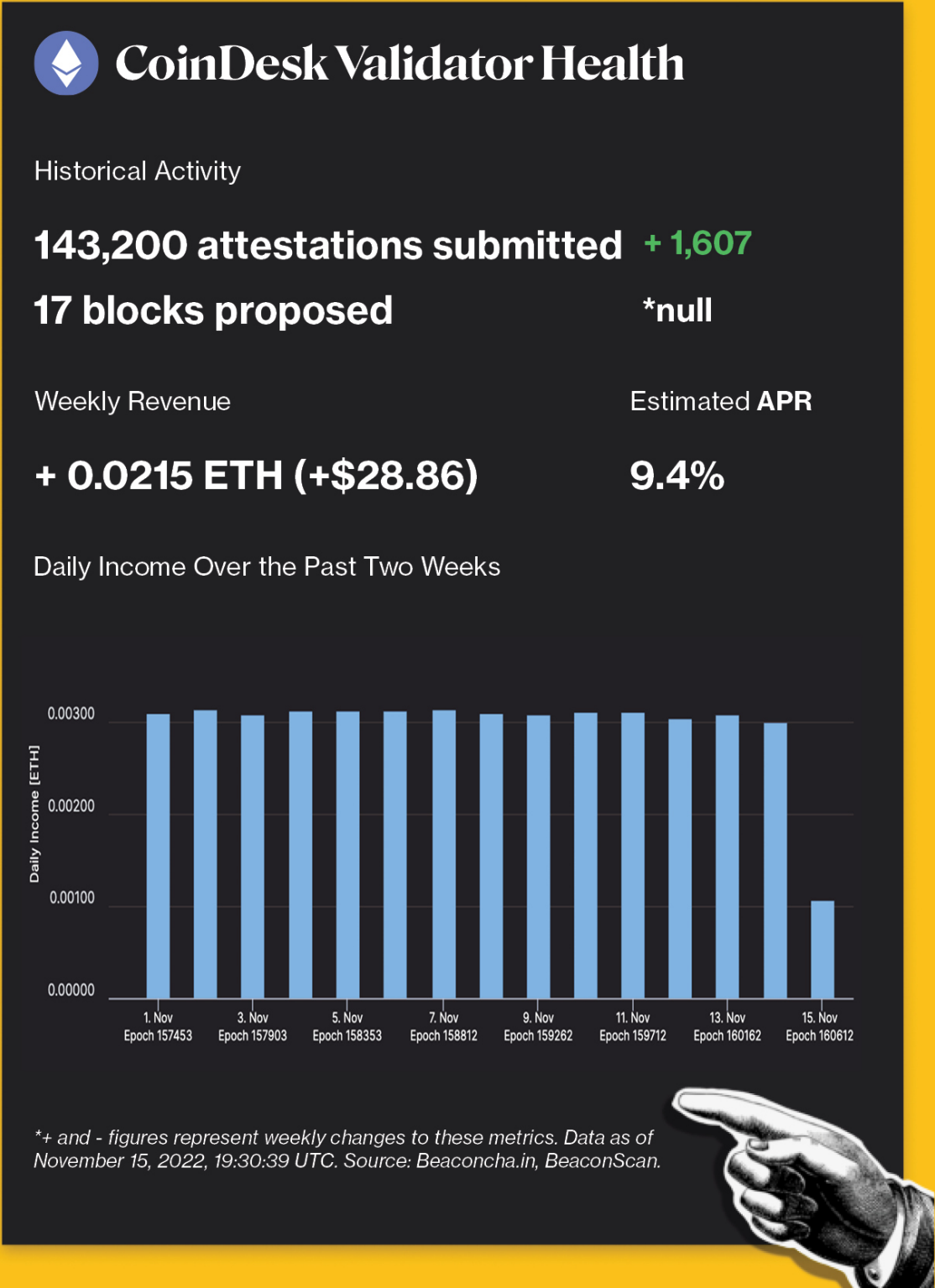
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Validated Takes

Ether turns deflationary for the first time since the Merge.

- Data from ultrasound.money shows the second-largest cryptocurrency’s net issuance, or the annualized inflation rate, has dropped to -0.029%, indicating that the leading smart contract blockchain is now burning more ether than what’s being minted. The negative inflation rate means ether’s net supply has declined by 5,598 since Ethereum transitioned to a proof-of-stake (PoS) consensus mechanism of verifying transactions from a proof-of-work (PoW) mechanism on Sept. 15.


The Solana Foundation not only invested in FTX but also held millions of dollars worth of tokens on the exchange.

- The Solana Foundation said Monday it has tens of millions of dollars in cryptocurrencies stranded on FTX - as well as 3.24 million common stock shares in Sam Bankman-Fried’s bankrupt crypto exchange. The Foundation said it held 134.54 million SRM tokens and 3.43 million FTT tokens on FTX when withdrawals went dark on Nov. 6. These holdings point to deep financial ties between Solana and FTX.

Crypto.com’s preliminary glimpse of token reserves reveals 20% in Shiba Inu Coin


- As large crypto exchanges push to prepare “proof-of-reserves” audits, an initial effort revealed just how much of Crypto.com’s reserves are in the dog-inspired meme token, SHIB. Of the \$2.88 billion in total assets in wallets, roughly \$558 million or about 20%, are in SHIB. A Crypto.com spokesperson said, “The reason our Proof of Reserves include Shiba is because we hold customers’ balances 1:1. Thus, our Proof of Reserves are dictated by our customer holdings.”

Factoid of the Week



Total gas fees on the Ethereum blockchain in the past 7 days stands at 26.9K ETH, up 70% from the previous week.

(Nansen.ai)





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ETH Price

\$1,126.36

Market Cap

\$135.64B

Volume (24H)

\$9.66B

As of November 22, 2022 @ 21:32:23 UTC.

[ETH price % change over 24 hours.](#)

Happy Thanksgiving to our American readers! Sam Kessler is out this week, but Ethereum reporter [Margaux Nijkerk](#) has returned to look into the angst that has been swirling within the Ethereum community following a change of wording on the [Ethereum.org](#) website. Loosen your belts and grab a drink. You're in good hands.

Rumors emerged on Twitter last week claiming that the Ethereum Foundation is pushing back its timeline for staked ether (ETH) to be withdrawn from the Beacon Chain. In these volatile times for the crypto industry, when many services including FTX, [BlockFi](#), and [Genesis have halted](#) crypto withdrawals and appear to be collapsing, it's understandable that stakers would be suspicious of any perceived delays in accessing their funds.

So what is going on?

Ethereum core developers generally agree that the aim was always for staked ETH withdrawals to be opened up as part of "Shanghai," the next upgrade on its development road map.

But a definitive date for withdrawals? That hasn't been set yet. Ethereum core developers have always been hesitant to ink in a date for the upgrade. After all, implementing any hard fork upgrade is not a simple task. Before the code gets shipped, it will have to run through tests, and developers will have to debug any problems in the implementation.

Anyone who has been following Ethereum at any point in its seven-year history knows the protocol is notorious for being perpetually behind schedule and for pushing deadlines farther and farther into the future.

Ethereum retired its old model, [proof-of-work](#), which used miners to add new blocks of transactions to the ledger. Since [the Merge on Sept. 15](#), the blockchain has adopted a [proof-of-stake](#) consensus mechanism, which uses validators to approve those blocks instead.

Validators began staking 32 ETH in the Beacon Chain prior to the Merge in order to participate in the block validation process: Part of the deal was that all that staked ether and any accrued rewards would remain locked up in the Beacon Chain smart contract until the next upgrade, which would happen at some point after the Merge.

That upgrade, Shanghai, is expected to include the mechanism by which those rewards will be released. There was a projected implementation for six to 12 months after the Merge, according to the Ethereum Foundation website. But last week followers noticed the language had changed: The Foundation website no longer had a proposed timeframe.

Tim Beiko, lead protocol support at the Ethereum Foundation (EF), told CoinDesk the original projection of "six to 12 months is the 'historical average' time between upgrades on Ethereum. I don't see why this upgrade would take longer, but we're not far enough in the process to talk about main net deployment dates."

This change in language, even if it is innocuous, isn't sitting well with ETH stakers right now. They want to know exactly when they will be able to access their funds, and the lack of specifics seems to be making them nervous.



(Duo Nine/Twitter)

"I don't track daily changes to Ethereum.org (which has contributions by hundreds of people, not just the EF), but there hasn't been any change to

Withdrawals' status: They are included in the next network upgrade, as can be seen in the specs for both the execution and consensus layer," said Beiko.

Ethereum developers say they are committed to making withdrawals a priority for Shanghai. "There's always discussions about timelines and moving things around, but I don't think there's ever been more consensus among core devs to move withdrawals back. It has and will always be included in the next fork," said Parithosh Jayanthi, a DevOps engineer at the Ethereum Foundation, to CoinDesk. "I don't see a scenario in which withdrawals don't get shipped in the next fork."

More to Shanghai than staking?

The Shanghai upgrade is the next in a long series of hard forks that are shaping the Ethereum ecosystem. And it is not necessarily a single-issue upgrade.

While staked ETH withdrawals seem to be universally agreed upon to be included in Shanghai, there are other [Ethereum Improvement Proposals \(EIP\)](#) that are under consideration for inclusion. For example, [EIP-4844](#), also known as proto-danksharding, could be a first step toward making the network more scalable through sharding, a method that splits up the network into other databases, or "shards," as a way to increase its capacity and bring down gas fees.

But developers are still unsure whether proto-danksharding will be included in Shanghai or in a subsequent upgrade. They are collecting data now to see how difficult it is to implement EIP-4844.

"I think if EIP-4844 seems too difficult to achieve, we'll split it into a simple withdrawals fork + a bigger 4844 fork later in the year. Currently, our aim is to try and ship both together, pending data collection," Jayanthi said.

At this week's upcoming All Core Developers call, Ethereum developers are likely to decide which EIPs, including EIP-4844, make it into Shanghai. Then, once that decision is made, all the Shanghai EIPs will go through a rigorous testing process to make sure that the upgrade is ready for mainnet.

Progress on that front is already underway. In October, [Shanghai's testnet, Shandong, went live](#). There, developers will have opportunities to ensure that the new code is secure and working properly.

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Network Health

Network Participation Rate
Weekly Range

99.42% - 99.57%

Number of Validators

473,509 active + 1.25%
87 pending - 135

Total ETH Deposited

15,238,711 ETH + 1.41%
17.17 billion - 8.43%

Share of Total ETH Supply
Deposited

12.64%

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November 22, 2022, 20:02:00 UTC. Source: BeaconScan, Etherscan



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CoinDesk Validator Health

Historical Activity

144,780 attestations submitted **+ 1,564**

17 blocks proposed ***null**

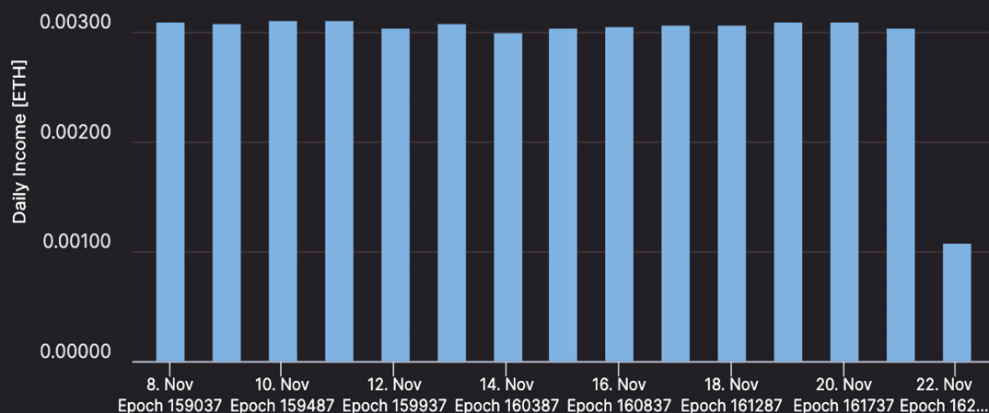
Weekly Revenue

+ 0.02149 ETH (+\$24.27)

Estimated APR

9.4%

Daily Income Over the Past Two Weeks



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Validated Takes

Ethereum validators saw a surge in MEV amid the FTX blowup.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** This month's collapse of FTX drove a dramatic increase in profitability of running the Ethereum network. Ethereum validators saw profits from MEV (maximal extractable value) spike as FTX faltered, according to data from Flashbots. MEV is a cornerstone of how crypto trades, measuring the amount of additional income that validators can earn by tinkering with and optimizing the order in which blockchain transactions are recorded. "The more action on the market, no matter if up- or downwards, the more MEV [is available]," said Toni Wahrstatter, an Ethereum researcher who has created his own MEV-Boost monitoring dashboard. [Read more here.](#)

More than 50% of bitcoin addresses are in the red.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** Just over 51%, or 24.6 million bitcoin addresses of the total 47.9 million, are below purchase price on their investments, according to data provided by blockchain analytics firm IntoTheBlock. About 45% are in the money, which means they are boasting unrealized gains, while the rest are roughly at breakeven. Even though past data is no guarantee of future results, previous bear markets ended with the majority of addresses at a loss. The bearish momentum looks overdone, according to Luca Outumuro, head of research at IntoTheBlock. [Read more here.](#)

Input Output Global (IOG), the firm behind the Cardano blockchain, to release a new privacy-focused blockchain called Midnight.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** Midnight, which is underpinned by zero-knowledge proof technology, is one of many side chains now being deployed around Cardano, IOG CEO Charles Hoskinson said on Friday. The system will walk the line between preserving privacy and allowing regulators and auditors a backdoor into the system when the permission is granted, he said. "This is a completely new way of writing and running private smart contracts and private computation. So you can have a private DEX (decentralized exchange or go mine an anonymous data set or these types of things." [Read more here.](#)

Factoid of the Week



The amount of ETH deposited into the Beacon Chain deposit contract increased 47.43%, from 10.34 million to 15.24 million ETH between March 15 and Nov. 22.



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ETH Price

\$1,219.64

Market Cap

\$146.99B

Volume (24H)

\$7.06B

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[ETH price % change over 24 hours.](#)

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Last week, the leading crypto wallet provider MetaMask [came under fire](#) for a change to its terms of service that revealed it was sharing user IP information with Infura, a piece of blockchain infrastructure created by MetaMask creator ConsenSys.

ConsenSys, a research and development company led by Ethereum co-founder Joe Lubin, built MetaMask to offer users a convenient way to store and trade their crypto without needing to trust centralized exchanges like Coinbase and Binance – platforms that store, or “custody,” funds on a user’s behalf.

Relative to “cold” wallets that allow users to custody their crypto keys on a kind of USB thumb drive, MetaMask, a “hot wallet,” is installed on your phone or web browser and is continuously connected to the internet. While convenient –

you only need to keep track of a username and password, not a physical thumb drive – “hot wallets” are theoretically more vulnerable to attacks and information leaks because they are always connected to the Web.

But compared to centralized exchanges, hot wallets like MetaMask are, at least in theory, more private and secure than allowing someone else to manage your assets.

The revelation that MetaMask was sharing IP information with Infura set off a firestorm on Twitter, with many users upset to learn their identifying information could have leaked to Infura – meaning their transaction history was not as private as they once thought.

The FTX debacle, along with last week’s MetaMask controversy, resurfaced a familiar refrain in the world of crypto: “not your keys, not your crypto.”

If you hold your funds on a centralized platform, they risk being stolen or misappropriated (as happened in the case of FTX, which apparently loaned out user funds without users knowing).

Downloading a hot wallet was supposed to be a safer way to get around the “not your keys” problem – your MetaMask funds are only accessible to you. But when users realized that MetaMask, too, was vulnerable to centralizing parties, they scrambled to figure out how they might be able to use the wallet without connecting it to Infura – a so-called RPC service that MetaMask uses to communicate with the Ethereum blockchain.

While ConsenSys noted in a statement that it is technically possible to use MetaMask sans Infura, users quickly realized that doing so would be confusing and impractical – requiring one to jerry-rig a new solution for reading information from the Ethereum blockchain.

The MetaMask controversy – and the anti-centralization discourse that surrounded it – serves as a harsh reminder of a hard truth that the crypto industry must face as it rebuilds from the FTX rubble: Centralized intermediaries have seeped deep into the crypto user experience.

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Weekly Range

98.66% - 99.55%

Number of Validators

480,086 active + 1.39%
37 pending - 50

Total ETH Deposited

15,433,063 ETH + 1.28%
18.82 billion + 9.61%

Share of Total ETH Supply
Deposited

12.81%

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CoinDesk Validator Health

Historical Activity

146,376 attestations submitted **+ 1,596**

17 blocks proposed ***null**

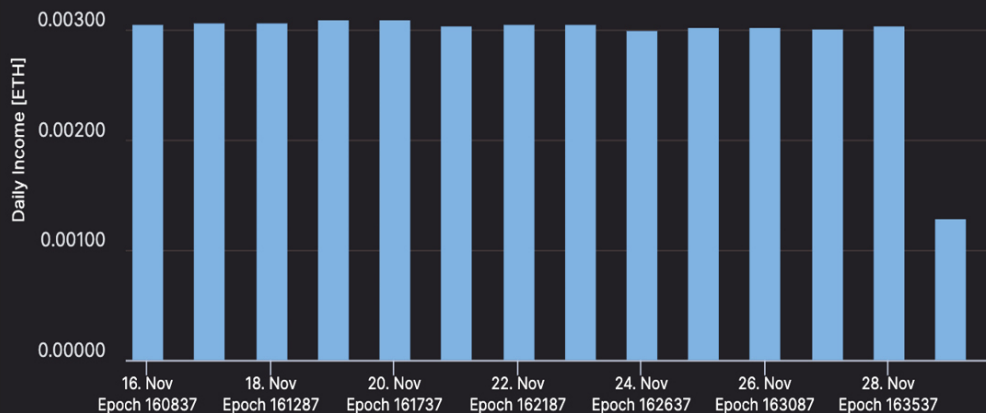
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Estimated APR

9.4%

Daily Income Over the Past Two Weeks



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Validated Takes

BlockFi files for bankruptcy protection.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** On Monday, the centralized crypto lender filed for bankruptcy protection, days after suspending withdrawals amid the ongoing fallout from exchange FTX's bankruptcy filing. According to the company's petition, BlockFi's executives estimate the company has more than 100,000 creditors as well as between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in both assets and liabilities. BlockFi's largest creditors include West Realm Shires Inc., the legal name for FTX US, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). [**Read more here.**](#)

Aave community members voted to freeze 17 assets in its Ethereum liquidity pool.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** The proposal, written by decentralized finance (DeFi) infrastructure company Gauntlet Network, is meant to avoid the risk of Aave accruing bad debt. According to Gauntlet, the freeze will help the protocol transition to its third version by giving users the option to migrate their assets to the upgraded network. The Ethereum liquidity pool is the largest on Aave, which has \$5.6 billion in liquidity locked across six chains on the protocol. [**Read more here.**](#)

The Ethereum Name Service DAO has chosen Karpatkey DAO as its new fund manager.

- **WHY IT MATTERS:** In a vote that closed on Nov. 22, ENS community members selected Karpatkey to manage the bulk of ENS's treasury composed of mostly USDC and ETH. The goal of the endowment fund, called ENS Endaoment, is to create a sustainable fund that can fuel continuous development regardless of macroeconomic conditions that may adversely affect revenue stemming from ENS registrations and renewals. Karpatkey said in its proposal, "The funds would be managed transparently and completely on-chain through a non-custodial solution." [**Read more here.**](#)


Factoid of the Week



The Wrapped Ether smart contract is the second-largest account by ETH balance, with 3.75 million ETH, or 3.11% of the total supply.

(Etherscan)





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